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Our Case No.: 10781/9

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ioannis Pallikaris et al.

Serial No.: 09/911,356

Filing Date: July 23, 2001

For: DEVICE FOR SEPERATING THE
EPITHELIUM LAYER FROM THE
SURFACE OF THE CORNEA OF
AN EYE

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3731

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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The references now cited are the following:

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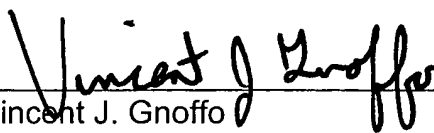
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